

Remarks

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 6-8 and 11-17 are pending in the Application. Claims 1-5, 9, and 10 are canceled by this Amendment. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 6-8, and for the allowance of claims 11-17.

In response to the Examiner's indication that claims 6-8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, Applicant has amended claim 6 to incorporate all of the limitations of claim 1, rewriting claim 6 in independent form. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that amended claim 6 is allowable. Claims 7 and 8 depend from claim 6 and are thus allowable for the same reasons as discussed above with respect to claim 6, as well as for other reasons not discussed herein.

Claim Objections

The Examiner has objected to claims 11 and 17 due to claim informalities. Specifically, the Examiner objects to the use of the term "comprising" in line 3 of claim 11, and the use of the term "comprising" in line 3 of claim 17. Additionally, the Examiner states that there is a lack of antecedent basis for "the plane" in line 5 of claim 17. Claims 11 has been amended to replace "comprising" in line 3 with "including" to correct the informalities in claim 11. Claim 17 has been amended to replace "comprising" in line 3 with "including," and the term "plane" in line 5 has been replaced with the term "panel" to correct a typographical error in the claim. Applicant submits that the term "panel" has sufficient antecedent basis.

Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments overcome the informalities in claims 11 and 17, and that claims 11 and 17 are now in condition for allowance.

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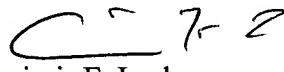
The Examiner has rejected claims 1-5, 9, and 10 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Barnes, II, et al. in view of Blanchard. Applicant cancels claims 1-5, 9, and 10 by this Amendment.

Conclusion

For all of these reasons, entry of this Amendment and allowance of claims 6-8 and 11-17 are respectfully requested.

The undersigned is available for a telephone conference at any time.

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